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1. Location: LAERZ airfield (U33) lies N of LAERZ village and about 6 km NNW of MIRON (U33).
2. Runways: Two concrete runways: one N-S, about 2,000 x 40 meters, the other, E-W, about 1800 x 40 meters. Taxi strips are about 20 meters wide.
3. Buildings: Control building, administration building, four new wooden barracks. (See map attachment). No hangars or repair sheds.
4. Technical Facilities: Only temporary lighting facilities and none that would allow for night use of the field.
5. Supply Five dug-in railroad tank cars.
6. Personnel: Officers and EM occupy barracks about one km N of VIETZEN (U33), between the rail line and the eastern edge of the MURITZ SEE (U24). Roads entering the camp are barred to civilians. There are many sentries.
7. Aircraft: 17 YAK-9, 57 LA-5, 9 PO-2, parked as shown on map attachment. There was little flight activity. Many planes were being repaired, most being under tarpaulins and pegged down. All the YAK-9's and 38 of the LA-5's had either blue or white prop hubs. Nineteen LA-5's had red prop hubs [redacted] als on tail surfaces [redacted] Four LA-5's had two-bladed props; one had three blades.
8. Miscellaneous: LAERZ looks like a first-class combat airfield, besides being one of the most heavily occupied in the north. Aircraft are said to have arrived in early August 1949. Two vehicles seen were trucks [redacted]
9. PERLEBERG airfield (T70), when visited on 10 October 1949, contained four PO-2, parked on the field. Truck [redacted] was hauling SAF troops from the field to town.

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Sketch map of LAERZ airfield available on loan from the CIA Library

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